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For:	HYPOCHOLESTEREMIC PREPARATIONS	: Attorney Docket
	CONTAINING MIXTURES OF PHYTO-	: No.: H 3185 PCT/US
	STENOL(ESTER)S AND CONJUGATED FATTY:	:
	ACIDS, AND METHODS OF REDUCING	:
	SERUM CHOLESTEROL LEVELS USING THE	:
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It is requested that the enclosed references listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein.

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Copending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/554,386, which is cited on the attached Form PTO-1449, is a 35 U.S.C. §371 application based on International Application No. PCT/EP98/07057, filed November 5, 1998, and is pending before Examiner Sabiha Qazi, in Group Art Unit 1616. Applicant has enclosed a copy of the English translation of the Specification, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii). If the Examiner is unable to obtain copies of any other papers from Group Art Unit 1616, Applicant will provide such additional papers upon written request of the Examiner in a subsequent Office Action in the instant

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application. The remainder of the enclosed references were cited, either by Examiner Qazi or Applicants, in copending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/554,386.

Independent consideration and acknowledgement of the enclosed references are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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